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Title:	3,500 cases of 'killer' malaria strain detected in Bareilly district, Uttar Pradesh			
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The intensive "active case surveillance" by 400 teams of auxiliary nurse midwives (ANMs) in Bareilly to detect patients suffering from a "killer" malaria strain, has yielded reports of 3,500 cases of the deadly plasmodium falciparum (PF) malaria in the last 20 days.

With this, the cumulative figure of PF cases in Bareilly, between January 1 and September 9, stands at 4,207. In the same period, 21,887 people have also tested positive for plasmodium vivax (PV) malaria strain.

Chief medical officer (CMO) Dr Vineet Shukla said, "Cases of PF malaria have risen in the past few days because we've been conducting massive active case surveillance, in which teams are holding camps in villages and testing fever patients. If any person tests positive for either PF or PV malaria, we immediately begin their treatment. Our aim is to end the parasite by diagnosing all cases."

District malaria officer D R Singh told TOI, "Around 95% of total PF malaria cases were reported from Aonla sub-division, which includes Majhgavan, Bhamora, Ramnagar and Aonla health centres. The geographical area of PF cases has shrunk in comparison to last year. Majority of the cases are confined to Aonla sub-division.

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For instance, over 150 PF cases were reported from Meeraganj in 2018, but this year, the number is 23."

Of the total 4,207 PF cases this year, the maximum has been detected in Majhgavan, with 1,727, followed by Bhamora with 1,662. Though PV cases have been scattered across the district, the highest number of cases were also diagnosed in Majhgavan and Bhamora.

With malaria and fever cases continuously rising in Bareilly, extra beds have been deployed at the district hospital. Officials said they have arranged few beds in the old building of district women's hospital, which will soon be opened for malaria patients. TOI had earlier reported that to keep a check on the spread of PF and PV malaria, ASHA workers would, for the first time, make door-to-door visits of positive patients to ensure they complete full course of treatment. As treatment duration for PF and PV malaria is three and 14 days respectively, ASHAs will visit houses of PF patients daily, while PV patients will be covered in the first, third, seventh and 14th day of treatment. The health workers will get Rs 75 as incentive per case for completing the full course of treatment, also called "radical treatment", and Rs 15 per case for conducting rapid diagnostic test on a fever patient. Officials explained that when a patient consumes medicines, some of them stop treatment as soon as they start getting relief. In the absence of radical treatment, malaria parasite remains in the patient's blood, and can be transmitted to others through mosquitoes.

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